



2021-2022

Calendar for Community Partners

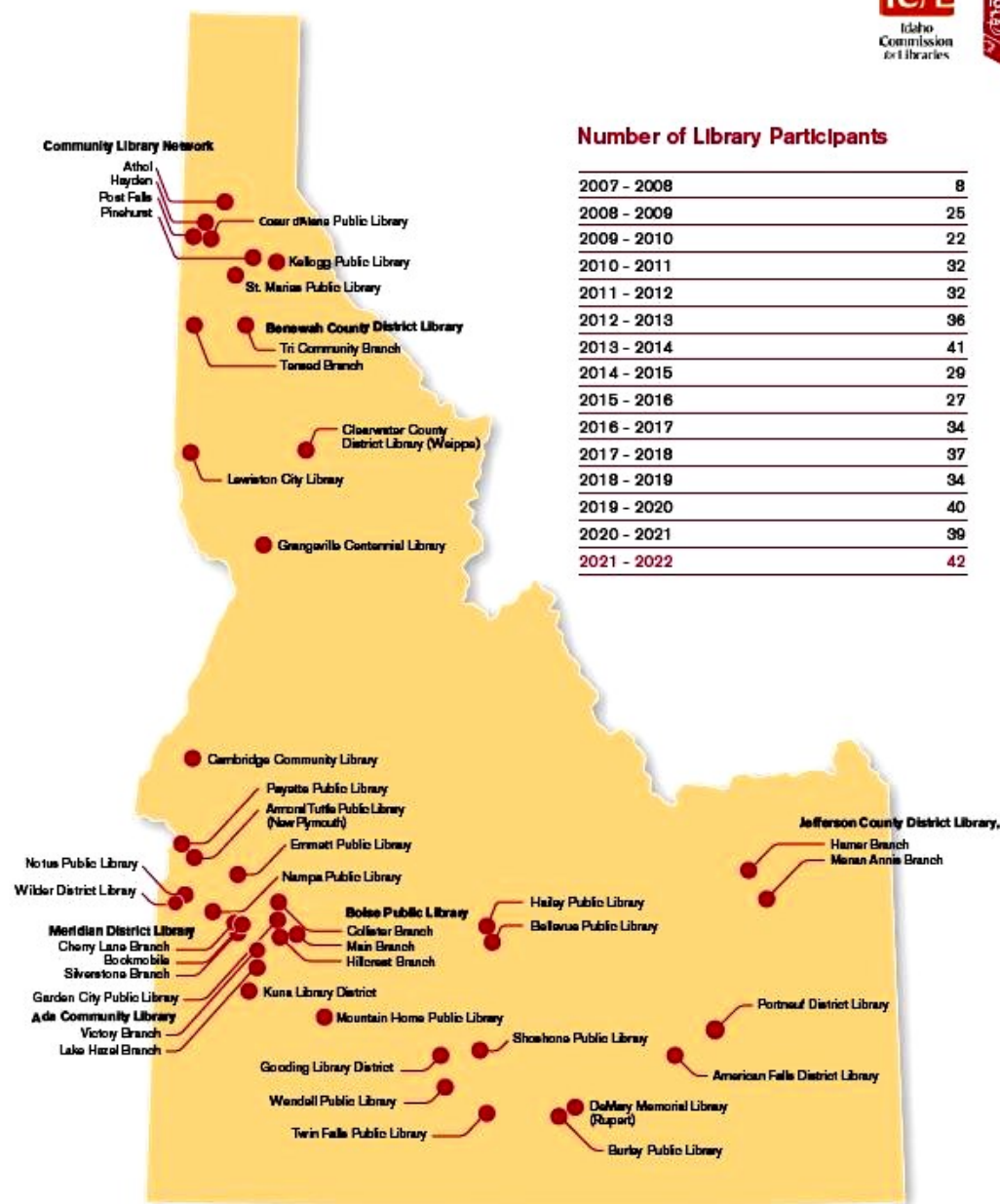
*Monthly book titles, events,
helpful tips, holidays and more!*





MY FIRST BOOKS SITES

2021 - 2022



Helpful Contacts:

My First Books Resources

libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/my-first-books/
(Under Resources for MFB Participants)

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Abbreviations:

MFB (My First Books)

ICfL (Idaho Commission for Libraries)

LP (Library Partner)

August 2021

Helpful Links

Author pronunciations:

www.teachingbooks.net

Book jackets:

www.librarything.com

Early literacy resources:

Read to Me:

libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/read-to-me-resources

ID Early Learn. Guide.

healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/services-programs/about-idaho-early-learning-guidelines

DayByDayID.org

Saroj Ghoting

www.earlylit.net

Reading Rockets:

www.readingrockets.org/audience/professionals/preschool

Songs, rhymes, fingerplays:

www.youtube.com/Birth2Six

www.storyblocks.org

<https://kcls.org/content/>

www.thelearninggroove.com

www.jbrary.com

www.spanishplayground.net

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Helpful Hints: Please visit <https://libraries.idaho.gov/rtm/my-first-books/>. Under "Program Resources" find "Resources for Your Community Partner" and read through the listed documents. Jot down any questions you have and share them with your library partner when you meet in person.

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Free Comic
Book Day 2021
(rescheduled)

September 2021

Helpful Hints

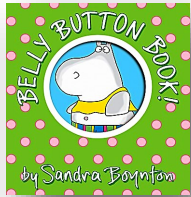
☒ Meet with your library partner to discuss distribution dates/times and contingency plans to address health and safety measures due to the pandemic. Bring this calendar and the MFB Distribution Planning Sheet.
—Address how you and your CP will inform parents about participation in MFB this year.
—Confirm enrollment numbers for each age group and send updated numbers to your library partner ASAP.

☒ Be sure to utilize the resources provided for Spanish-speaking families:
Intro letter in Spanish;
Bookworms in Spanish;
Spanish translation of books.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Library Card Sign Up Month Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15—Oct. 15) Banned Books Week: Sept. 26– Oct. 2			1	2	3	4
5	6 <i>Labor Day</i>	7	8	9	10	11
12 <i>Grandparent's Day</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 <i>International Day of Peace</i>	22	23	24 <i>Native American Day</i>	25
26	27	29	29	30	Look ahead through this calendar to see all the books and themes your library will be sharing with your students. Be sure to read all the <i>Helpful Hints</i> for each month.	

Great Read-Alouds

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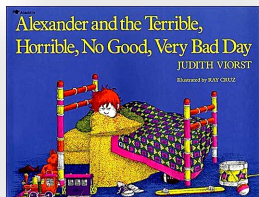
The Belly Button Book,
by Sandra Boynton

Preschool



The Pigeon Needs a Bath,
by Mo Willems

Kindergarten



Alexander and the Terrible,
Horrible, No Good, Very Bad
Day, by Judith Viorst

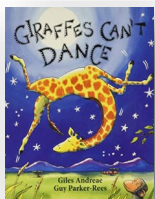
October 2021

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Helpful Hints: Consider sending home a note to parents explaining the MFB program. Meet with your library partner regarding Idaho Family Reading Week (FRW) (Nov. 8—14), and possible Family Literacy Event.			International School Library Month National Friends of the Library Week: October 17-24		1 <i>Monthly distributions begin this month.</i>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day	12	13	14	15	16
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24 31 Halloween	25	26	27	28 Read for the Record Day 	29	30

**Narrative Skills/
Family Reading Week:
“Believe & Achieve”**

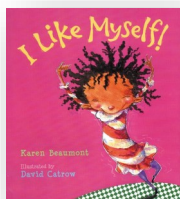
November 2021

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Giraffes Can't Dance,
by Giles Andreae

Preschool



I Like Myself,
by Karen Beaumont

Kindergarten



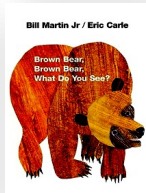
Ish, or The Dot,
by Peter Reynolds

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Native American Heritage and Picture Book Month	1	2 <i>Election Day</i>	3	4	5	6
7 <i>International Games Week</i> <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13
Idaho Family Reading Week, Children's Book Week Nov. 8—14						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	26	27
28	29	30	Helpful Hints: Help promote your library's FRW Event: Fliers, Bookworm, stickers on children, emails to parents, posters/signs on doors of classroom/center—send something home each week! Children's Book Week is also Nov. 8—14: https://everychildareader.net/cbw/			

Phonological Awareness

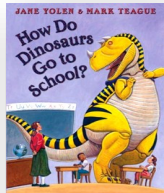
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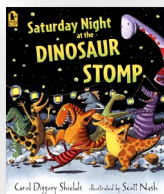
*Brown Bear, Brown Bear,
What Do You See?*
by Bill Martin, Jr.

Preschool



*How Do Dinosaurs
Go to School?*
by Jane Yolen

Kindergarten



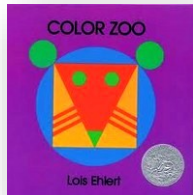
*Saturday Night at the
Dinosaur Stomp,*
by Carol Diggory Shields

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Helpful Hints: This month may be filled with special assemblies, concerts, parties, etc. Check in with your library partner regarding distribution dates.		Cultural Celebrations: Las Posadas, Dec. 16-24 Chanukah, Dec. 10-18 Kwanzaa, Dec. 26-Jan. 1	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					International Human Rights Day	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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					Christmas Eve	Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31	
					New Year's Eve	

Letter Knowledge

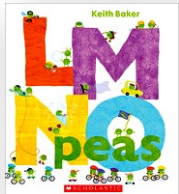
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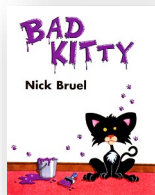
Color Zoo,
by Lois Ehlert

Preschool



LMNO Peas,
by Keith Baker

Kindergarten



Bad Kitty,
by Nick Bruel

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Helpful Hints: Whenever you have new children enroll in your program, be sure to give your library partner advance notice so they can bring enough books for your new kids.			National Braille Literacy Month 100th Day of School: check district calendar for exact day			1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 MLK, Jr. Day/ Idaho Human Rights Day	18	19	20	21	22
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Singing

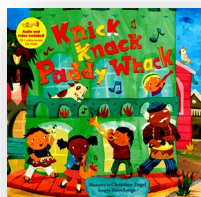
February 2022

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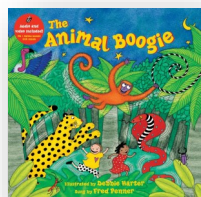
The Itsy-Bitsy Spider,
by Jeannette Winter

Preschool



Knick Knack Paddy Wack,
by Steven Songs

Kindergarten



Animal Boogie,
by Debbie Harter

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Children's Authors & Illustrators Week: First week of February		1 <i>Chinese New Year -Year of the Tiger</i>	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	16	17	18	19	20
21	21 <i>President's Day</i> <i>ICfL closed</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	African-American History Month International Friendship Month <i>Helpful Hints: If you have special activities planned for African-American History/American History/Friendship Month, check with your library partner to see if they can bring in some age-appropriate books for your students to enjoy.</i>				

Writing/ Use of Print

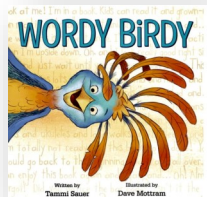
March 2022

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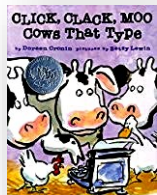
Blankie/Mantita,
by Leslie Patricelli

Preschool



Wordy Birdy,
by Tammi Sauer

Kindergarten



Click Clack Moo Cows That Type, by Doreen Cronin

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Women's History Month		1	2 <i>Dr. Seuss's Birthday/NEA Read Across America Day</i> (www.nea.org)	3	4 <i>Idaho Day</i>	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	14	15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Helpful Hints: Let your library partner know your Spring Break dates. Consider collaborating to plan something for Día de los niños (Day of the Child) on April 30.	

Vocabulary

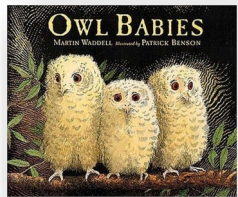
April 2022

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Can You Find...A Lion in the Neighborhood? / ¿Dónde está... un león en el vecindario?
by Brett Medino

Preschool



Owl Babies,
by Martin Waddell

Kindergarten



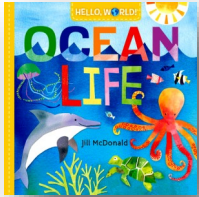
Big Chickens Fly the Coop,
by Leslie Helakoski

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Helpful Hints: Meet with your library partner to plan how parent surveys will be distributed and collected. If you collect at least 75% of your parent surveys for your library, ICfL will provide you with a free hardcover book for your classroom!			National Poetry Month School Library Month National Library Week: April 3—10 Week of the Young Child: April 2—8		1	2 <i>International Children's Book Day</i> www.ibby.org
3 <i>Ramadan:</i> April 2—May 2	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 <i>National Library Workers Day</i>	13	14	15	16
17 <i>Easter</i>	18	19	20	21	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>El día de los niños/libros</i>

**Nonfiction/
Summer Reading:
“Oceans of Possibilities”**

May 2022

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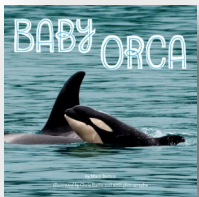
Hello, World: Ocean Life,
by Jill McDonald

Preschool



*Ocean Friends: A Journey
Beneath the Sea,*
by Anna Krusinski (KUBU)

Kindergarten



Baby Orca,
by Mary Batten

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Helpful Hints: Students receive two books this month! In addition to the title listed to the left for each age group, each child will get to select an additional book. Be sure to get completed MFB parent surveys to the library so they can get their final report in on time. Meet with your library to debrief. Begin promoting Summer Reading with your parents to help keep your children reading over the summer.					Asian/Pacific Heritage Month	1 Free Comic Book Day 2022
1 Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-8)	2 Children's Book Week (May 2—8)	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 29	23 30 Memorial Day	24 31	25	26	27	28